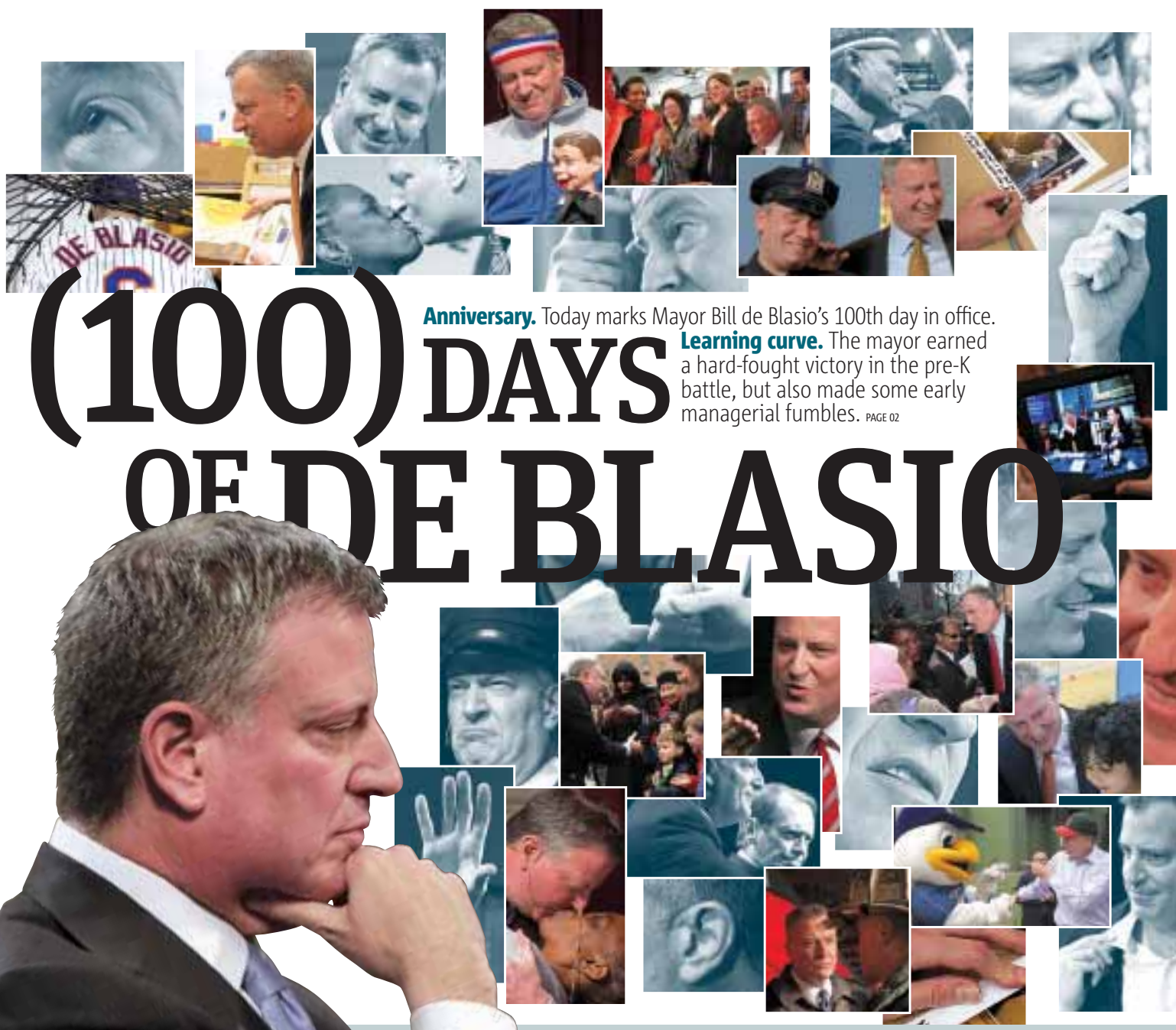


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1 NEWS

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"I think most New Yorkers look to the bottom line and they look back to whether a mayor lived up to the commitments of his campaign, they look to see whether the mayor is managing the city smoothly and soundly every day."

First Deputy Mayor
Anthony Shorris

New resource

Metro US launches special Metro Lawyer Directory

Metro US is proud to announce a new Metro Lawyer Directory appearing both in print and online at www.metro.us. The Metro Lawyer Directory is a quarterly section that will feature lawyer profiles as well as pictures to help Metro's readership of young, affluent urbanites find the local lawyer they might need. The first directory will be published on Thursday, April 24. If you're a lawyer and are interested in being featured in this special section, send an email to NYCLawyer@metro.us. The deadline for reservations is Monday, April 14.

Mixed results for mayor during his first 100 days

Settling in. Bill de Blasio shows signs of growing pains early into tenure.

During just 100 days in office, Mayor Bill de Blasio persuaded state lawmakers to bankroll a campaign pledge to vastly expand prekindergarten, claiming, in his own words, a "historic victory."

But de Blasio's first three months have also been marked by some amateur missteps, according to political observers, and the mayor still faces significant hurdles in the days ahead.

"He's getting his footing," said Christina Greer, an assistant professor of political science at Fordham University. "That's not easy after a 12-year reign of an individual that had a certain control over people."

Greer said de Blasio's inexperience was particularly apparent in his dealings with Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who spurned several of the mayor's proposals, such as raising taxes on wealthy New Yorkers to fund prekindergarten and after school programs.

Other pundits criticized de Blasio's handling of some controversies, including a decision to keep schools open during a nor'easter and a call he placed following an ally's arrest.

"No mayor has ever run New York City without having some people in New York City unhappy with some things that they've done," First Deputy Mayor Anthony Shorris said.

He noted the de Blasio



Mayor Bill de Blasio talks with a firefighter at the scene of the East Harlem building explosion that happened on March 12. / GETTY IMAGES

Looking ahead

The mayor will commemorate the successes of his first 100 days in office and discuss the future during a speech Thursday at Cooper Union in Manhattan. Over the next few months, his administration is expected to focus on:

- Affordable housing
- Raising wages and workplace benefits
- Reducing fines on small businesses
- Increasing broadband access

On criticisms

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First Deputy Mayor Anthony Shorris

Pledges

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Doug Muzzio

administration had fulfilled several key campaign promises, most notably universal prekindergarten.

Even without the proposed tax hike, the city's securing of \$300 million for prekindergarten in the state budget was widely recognized by observers as an early success for the mayor. De Blasio's display of leadership after a deadly explosion in East Harlem and legislation to expand the number of workers eligible for paid sick days

were also cited.

Overall crime is down, and de Blasio withdrew the city's challenge to federal oversight of the stop-and-frisk police tactic. The mayor also announced a sweeping traffic safety plan.

"He didn't necessarily get all that he wanted, but, in a sense, he fulfilled the spirit of his campaign promises," Baruch College political science professor Doug Muzzio said.

De Blasio, who was not available for an interview,

will commemorate his first 100 days and discuss what's to come during a speech Thursday.

In the next few months, the administration will focus on affordable housing, raising wages and workplace benefits, reducing fines on small businesses and increasing broadband access, according to Shorris.

"We would be the first to admit we didn't accomplish everything the mayor promised in the first 100 days of his administration," Shorris said, adding that, nonetheless, "important steps" have been taken.

De Blasio's biggest challenge may be open contracts for the city's municipal unions, and new agreements could cost billions in back pay or wage increases, said Nicole Gelin, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute.

Negotiations with the unions are underway, according to Harry Nespoli, president of the Uniformed

Sanitationmen's Association and head of the Municipal Labor Committee, which represents the city's public sector unions.

"Just that alone is a plus for all the unions — that we're back to bargaining again," Nespoli said.

Going forward, Shorris said he believes New Yorkers will continue to judge de Blasio on his accomplishments.

"Elections have consequences, and our election reflected a public demand for some change," he said, adding, "I think we've demonstrated that we've made some real progress."

But Greer cautioned that New Yorkers might want to see a change again.

"Let's be clear: If in two years things aren't better, he's looking at another election," she said. "There's enough people waiting in the wings."

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Polls

Mixed feelings

New Yorkers themselves are split on the direction the city is heading, according to a New York Times/NY1/Siena College poll released earlier this week.

Roughly half of the residents polled believe that things in the city are generally going in the

right direction, while 42 percent of respondents "feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track."

The poll, which has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.8 percent, also found New Yorkers mixed on de Blasio's handling of his job, with 49 percent approving.

Approval

49%

Of city dwellers approve of de Blasio job performance

"He's not doing great, and he's not doing terrible — he's doing OK," Muzzio said about the poll results.



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Officer rescued in Coney Island high-rise fire dies

Fallen. The NYPD cop rushed into a burning building and was overcome with smoke.

Dennis Guerra, one of the police officers rescued from Sunday's fire in a Coney Island high-rise, died on Wednesday morning.

A father of four with eight years in the force, Guerra and fellow officer Rosa Rodriguez, 36, took an elevator up to the blaze at 2007 Surf Ave., but were overcome with smoke as soon as they entered the

hallway.

Firefighters rescued both after finding them in the hallway, unresponsive.

EMT workers resuscitated Guerra outside the burning building before he was taken to the hospital to be treated for carbon monoxide poisoning and smoke inhalation.

Rodriguez remains in critical condition at the NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, officials said.

Marcell Dockery, 16, was arrested on Monday in connection to the fire.

"The death of a police officer as a result of an intentional act not only affects an individual, it is in-



Officers lower the flag to half-mast in honor of Guerra.

NYPD

deed a direct assault upon society as a whole," NYPD Police Commissioner William Bratton said.

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Dog saved after walking on tracks

A stray dog nicknamed "Tie" by MTA workers was rescued at the Harlem-125th Street station after walking along the Metro-North line from the Bronx to Manhattan. If no owner is found, the dog will be made available at Animal Care & Control's Manhattan Animal Care Center. / MTA



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Vision Zero

Atlantic Avenue speed limit will drop to 25 mph

Cars on Brooklyn's Atlantic Avenue will have to slow down by month's end, officials announced Wednesday.

Nearly eight miles of the avenue, where 25 people have died

between 2008 and 2012, will become the city's first arterial slow zone this month.

Traffic lights along the avenue will be re-timed for 25 mph speeds and the zone will be subject to increased police enforcement. Posted speed limits on the corridor will be reduced from 30 to 25 mph.

Twenty-four other slow zones will be installed in corridors across the boroughs this year as part of the city's Vision Zero initiative to reduce traffic fatalities. The Arterial Slow Zone program is one of 63 proposals included in a report on the initiative released in February.

ANNA SANDERS

Immigration. City Council moves forward on bill for municipal IDs

The City Council is moving forward on a proposal to offer municipal identification cards to residents regardless of their immigration status.

The New York City Identity Card Program would be available for all New Yorkers, but targets the 500,000 or so residents living without residency or citizenship documentation who require ID to access city services.

The bill will be introduced into the Council on Thursday with the backing of Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Brooklyn Councilman Carlos Menchaca



Immigration rally / GETTY IMAGES

and Queens Councilman Daniel Dromm.

The card would serve as proof of residency for anybody who needs it to

sign a lease, file complaints with the Police Department or open up a bank account, but it wouldn't function as a driver's license for undocumented immigrants.

A recent Sienna College Poll showed that an overwhelming majority of New Yorkers support the proposal, with 65 percent in favor while 30 percent opposed.

Among those supporters is Mayor Bill de Blasio, who called the initiative one of his administration's top priorities during a speech in February.

CHESTER JESUS SORIA

Metro-North

Commuter paralyzed in train crash sues

A passenger who was left paralyzed in the

deadly December derailment of a Metro-North commuter train in New York City filed a lawsuit against the railroad on Tuesday seeking \$100 million in damages.

Samuel Rivera, 39, was traveling with his son when the train entered a curve and ran off the tracks as it approached a station in the Bronx. **REUTERS**

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Good cause. Local students to be recognized at Brooklyn Nets game



Last year's Leaders & Scholars scholarship semifinalists being honored at halftime. / METRO PCS

This Sunday, 20 high school juniors and seniors from the New York area will be strutting onto the court during the Brooklyn Nets' halftime show to be recognized for their outstanding ideas on how to make their community a better place.

These students are semifinalists in Metro PCS's Leaders & Scholars scholarship program, an initiative launched by the cellular company to financially help students who want to initiate change. Unlike the majority of scholarship programs, Leaders & Scholars rewards creativity and ideas, instead

Giving back

"This scholarship is our way of giving back and our way of saying thanks."

Adam Bree

of solely focusing on academic achievement.

"There is still a threshold for academic achievement," Adam Bree, the New York region director of marketing for Metro PCS, said. "But the primary aspect of the application is how they would make positive change in their community if they would achieve a \$10,000

grant from Metro PCS."

This year's winner — the public can vote for their favorite at www.leadersandscholars.com — will receive a \$10,000 scholarship and a \$10,000 community service grant, which will then benefit a tri-state area school or charity. So not only does Leaders & Scholars help students in the form of a scholarship — it helps the community, as well.

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Clinton not running (yet), but her name raises money

As Hillary Clinton weighs a run for president in 2016, at least a dozen independent groups have sprung up to raise money in her name.

Sporting names such as Madam Hillary 2016, HillaryFTW and other variations on Clinton's name, the new crop of political action committees is a sign of the 66-year-old's enduring star power more than 20 years after she first became a national figure as the wife of President Bill Clinton.

REUTERS



Stabbing. Student wielding knife injures 21 people in Pa. school

A 16-year-old student wielding two knives went on a stabbing rampage in the hallways of a Pittsburgh-area high school Wednesday, injuring 21 people, about half of them seriously, officials said.

The attacker moved stealthily through Franklin Regional High School, stabbing his victims in the torso and slashing arms and faces before anyone realized what was happening, students and officials said. Some of the injured taken to nearby hospitals were in critical condition, doctors said.

Students described a scene of panic, with the school hastily evacuated after a fire alarm was pulled. The unidentified sophomore suspected in the attack was in police custody, said Tom Seefeld, the chief of police in Murrysville, Pa.

The attacker, described by a classmate as a

quiet person who kept to himself, started his rampage about 7:13 a.m., going along the hallways to several classrooms at the school in Murrysville, about 20 miles east of Pittsburgh, officials said.

An armed security officer subdued and arrested the suspect with help from the principal, Seefeld said.

A total of 21 people, most of them 14 to 17 years old, were transported to area hospitals, four by medical helicopter. Several had life-threatening injuries, with nine in critical condition, hospital officials said. **REUTERS**

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"He did it so stealthily that at first no one knew what was happening."

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Food safety

Bill pushed to block mandatory GMO food labeling

A Republican congressman from Kansas introduced legislation that would nullify efforts in multiple states to require labeling of genetically modified foods.

The bill, dubbed the "Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act," was drafted by Mike Pompeo and is aimed at overriding bills in roughly two dozen states that would require foods made with genetically engineered crops to be labeled as such. **REUTERS**



Trial. Pistorius made to view graphic photo of girlfriend's skull

A South African prosecutor forced Oscar Pistorius on Wednesday to look at a forensic photograph that showed the head of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp after it was blown open by a hollow-point bullet fired by the Olympic and Paralympic track star.

In a dramatic opening to his cross-examination of Pistorius, prosecutor Ger-

rie Nel made him admit he had killed Steenkamp then later confronted him with the photograph showing the side and back of her skull, her hair matted with blood and brains.

"Have a look there. I know you don't want to because you don't want to take responsibility," Nel said to gasps from the packed public gallery. **REUTERS**

Missing jetliner

New ping signals spark confidence in plane search

Australian officials said on Wednesday two new "ping" signals had been detected in the search for Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, boosting

confidence after more than a month of fruitless searching for the missing jetliner.

The signals, which could be from the plane's black box recorders, bring to four the number of overall "pings" detected in recent days within the search area by a U.S. Navy towed pinger locator. **REUTERS**

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Toyota to recall nearly 6.5 million vehicles

Toyota Motor Corporation, in its second-largest recall ever, said on Wednesday it would call back 6.39 million vehicles globally after uncovering five different faults involving parts ranging from steering to seats.

The world's biggest automaker said it was not aware of any crashes or injuries caused by the glitches, which were found in 27 Toyota models including the RAV4 and Yaris subcompact.

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Internet hackers

'Heartbleed' bug poses major threat to user data

Security experts warn there is little Internet users can do to protect themselves from the recently uncovered "Heartbleed" Internet threat that exposes data to hackers, at least not until vulnerable websites take security steps.

The Heartbleed bug in widely used web encryption technology known as OpenSSL affects software on servers that host websites. That software is not used on personal computers or mobile devices, so even though the bug exposes passwords and other data to hackers, it must be fixed by website operators.

The bug has the potential to affect users of some of the world's biggest websites because OpenSSL is used on about two-thirds of all web servers. **REUTERS**

New poll

NJ voters see internal bridge review as 'whitewash'

Most New Jersey voters believe an internal investigation clearing Gov. Chris Christie of any wrongdoing in a scheme to snarl traffic on one of the world's busiest bridges was a "whitewash," according to a poll released on Wednesday.

Christie, a likely 2016 Republican presidential contender, continues to be dogged by the so-called Bridgegate scandal, according to a survey by Quinnipiac University.

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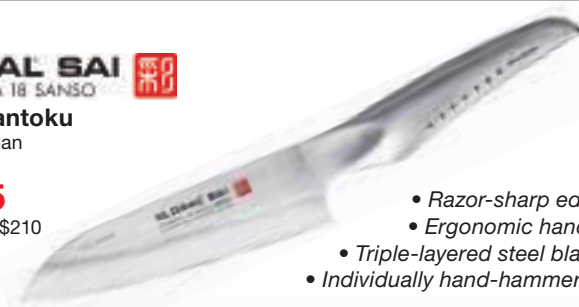
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Obama to mark US civil rights law that paved way for his presidency

Civil rights. It now extends to issues such as establishing a citizenship path.

President Barack Obama this week celebrates the civil rights advances of 50 years ago which laid the groundwork for him to become the first black president, but his own record in making life better for the African-American community that catalyzed his election is mixed.

Obama will join former presidents Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush in speaking at the Lyndon Baines Johnson presidential library in Austin, Texas, this week to mark a half century since Johnson's landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Obama is the physical embodiment of racial progress that Johnson



President Lyndon B. Johnson presents one of the pens used to sign the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to James Farmer, director of the Congress of Racial Equality on Aug. 6, 1965.

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Quoted

"What you can say is that trio of laws allowed for the ascent of Barack Obama to the presidency and any other person of color who might follow in his wake."

Mark Updegrove, LBJ library director

brought about. The civil rights law, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the creation of Medicare were instrumental in improving equality for racial minorities and putting desegregation in the past.

Obama's top success for African-Americans was gaining passage of the Affordable Care Act, the health care law that is intended as a safety net for millions of Americans. In addition, efforts by Obama's attorney general, Eric Holder, to enforce civil rights laws are welcome in the African-American community.

But creating jobs for black Americans has been a struggle. The annual State of Black America report by the National Urban League, entitled "One Nation Underemployed: Jobs Rebuild America," said African-Americans still lag far behind in jobs and opportunity.

REUTERS

College. Sen. Rubio to offer bill on new education financing vehicles

U.S. Republican Sen. Marco Rubio, a possible 2016 White House contender, unveiled legislation on Wednesday to broaden the use of financial vehicles known as "income share agreements" that students

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Tea Party case

Prosecution urged for ex-IRS official

A U.S. House of Representatives committee has asked the Justice Department to consider criminal prosecution for a former U.S. Internal Revenue Service official who played a key role in last year's Tea Party scandal at the IRS.

By a vote of 23-14 along party lines, the Republican-led Ways and Means Committee referred Lois Lerner to the Justice Department for criminal prosecution. The request was submitted in a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder.

The letter to Holder, who heads the Justice Department, said that based on its findings, the committee believed Lerner may have violated criminal statutes.

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Kiev warns of force. Separatists build barricades in east Ukraine

Pro-Russian separatists reinforced barricades around the state security building in the eastern Ukrainian city of Luhansk on Wednesday and called on Russian President Vladimir Putin for help after the government warned it could use force to restore order.

But protesters were also engaged in talks to ease the standoff, which Kiev has said could provide a pretext for a Russian invasion, and lawmakers from eastern Ukraine proposed an amnesty for protesters to defuse tension.

The former KGB headquarters is one of three government buildings seized this week in eastern Ukraine by protesters demanding regional referendums on independence from Kiev, like the one in Crimea that led to its annexation by Russia.

Tensions have risen in the mainly Russian-speaking east since the



People gather outside the regional Security Service building taken by pro-Russian activists in eastern Ukraine. / GETTY IMAGES

Automatic rifles

300

Local police spokeswoman Tatyana Pogukai said protesters had found an arsenal of weapons within the building. Protesters say they have 200-300 automatic rifles. She denied previous reports that hostages had been taken.

overthrow of Ukraine's Moscow-backed president and the installation of a new pro-European government.

"Of course we must ask Russia to take us in because I don't see an alternative," said a man dressed in camouflage who gave his name as Vasily and said he was the commandant of the building. "Putin help us!" he said.

Sandbags and wooden crates were piled near the entrance of the building to defend it against the police. Men with rifles could be seen through broken windows above.

REUTERS

Hong Kong

Missing painting sold for \$3.7M may have gone out with the trash

A painting that was auctioned for \$3.7 million two days ago in Hong Kong has gone missing, police said, with media reports on Wednesday suggesting cleaners may have inadvertently thrown the artwork out.

The 2012 painting "Snowy Mountain," by Chinese artist Cui Ruzhuo, was reported missing by Chinese auctioneers Poly Auction on Tuesday afternoon after the auction on Monday.

Ming Pao newspaper reported police had checked CCTV footage at the Grand Hyatt hotel, where the auction took place, which showed cleaners removing the painting. That raised fears the painting had been sent out with the garbage to the city's landfill. **REUTERS**

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We're likin' your new look, Nyong'o

Lupita Nyong'o stepped out on the red carpet Tuesday for the first time since she was named Best Supporting Actress for her role in "12 Years a Slave" at the Oscars last month. She wore a white Giambattista Valli Couture dress with blue flowers and Christian Louboutin pumps for Marie Claire's Fresh Faces Party in West Hollywood. The 31-year-old starlet also debuted new hair, rocking a curly pompadour on top of her head. Can she do no wrong?

THE WORD

Christina Paciolla takes on the world of gossip.

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How many 53-year-olds look like this?



Reigning queen of comedy Julia Louis-Dreyfus graces the cover of April 24's Rolling Stone magazine, due out this week. And she's nude! And she looks incredible! I'm 20 years younger than her and our bodies don't even compare. Excuse me while I cry at my desk.

The "Veep" star, who has continued to find success long after the days of "Seinfeld" and "The New Adventures of Old Christine," last made the cover in 1998. Now, she wears only the words of the Constitution painted on her back. However, it's signed by John Hancock, who only put his, well, John Hancock, on the Declaration of Independence.

We're willing to look past this Rolling Stone snafu since it's such a hot cover. The unnecessary signature is only about an inch above her perfectly placed lower back dimples. Again, crying at my desk.

Teresa and Joe Giudice: Living a lie?

Reality show couple Teresa and Joe Giudice have been living large, but according to documents obtained by TMZ, they don't have much cash to their names.

Apparently they have almost zero equity in the three homes they own, one of which is worth \$1.7 million. Their three lavish rides — a Maserati, Escalade and a Ford 350 — also have no equity in them. Neither do their

Sea-Doo boat, Kawasaki four-wheeler and go-carts. The couple, who could face serious prison time for fraud, don't even have enough cash to pay their creditors. The bankruptcy trustee says one bank won't get the more than \$5 million the couple owe.

The bankruptcy trustee also said the Giudices' dogs aren't valued at \$600 — what the couple listed them as. Unless they

have a gold tooth in their mouths, the pups aren't equity.

It makes us wonder what other reality stars don't live true to their show's premise? Are the Rich Kids of Beverly Hills really rich? Are the Gypsy Sisters really gypsies? Is the Bachelor real? Do we even have to ask that last question?

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On death and not dying



For someone who oozes rock star magnetism, Tilda Swinton is very approachable and friendly. She's upbeat even when discussing something as potentially grim as "Only Lovers Left Alive," Jim Jarmusch's oddball vampire movie. In it she plays Eve, a 5,000-year-old bloodsucker in a committed relationship with Tom Hiddleston's Adam, a brooding musician who is 4,500 years her junior.

On her on-screen lover

"Adam is laboring under immortality. He wants a way out. He wants to go. It's too much for him. And [Eve] manages to retain her perspective, not by just surviving, but by be-

ing so wired into nature. Nature is constantly dying and being renewed. She's able to have that perspective because she totally accepts death. I would suggest that the more one accepts that it's on its way, the more relaxed one can be and forget about it."

On death

"I think that anything, any piece of work that's about immortality is essentially about mortality. Any discussion about immortality will be about how we're all in a cul-de-sac. It's coming for us all. It's even coming for [Eve and Adam], sooner or later. I mean, the stars are coming down, eventually. Even in another 2,000 years, it will all end."

Keeping the faith

On how every movie should take 11 years to make (though this took eight)

I love the long gestation period. It does have its tough moments, when you wonder if you're ever going to do it. I have a great track record [with films happening]. That means I'm pretty relaxed in that long gestation period because I know, when that money finally comes through, we're going to have to run. Whatever it is you think you should have been doing, it just takes time."

Interview. Tilda Swinton says one should keep a positive attitude about the end.



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On the film as a positive relationship movie

"We wanted to show a long relationship between people who were really communicative with each other and really, really into each other. They're good for each other, so when one of them gets down the other one can really help. That just feels real, and it feels unexplored. We're always seeing relationships start or we see them end. But we rarely see them just play out."

On Eve and Adam's specific relationship

"They dig each other, even though they're so



Tilda Swinton plays a 5,000-year-old vampire in Jim Jarmusch's "Only Lovers Left Alive." / GETTY IMAGES

different. That was another thing: to show a relationship between two people who are so different. We're so used to seeing people

changing themselves for each other. They're chalk and cheese. They're yin and yang, and yet they really like each other."

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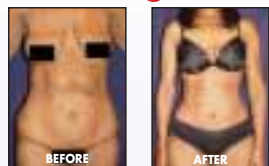


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What you'll see

'Rio 2'

The animated aviary adventure finds its two literal lovebirds — blue macaws (Jesse Eisenberg and Anne Hathaway) — heading into "Meet the Parents" territory when they visit the latter's family.

Rather than use his talons, a blue macaw voiced by Jesse Eisenberg defends himself with the things of man. / BLUE SKY STUDIOS

2 'Draft Day'

The latest in the Kevin Costner Comeback Machine returns the actor to sports, the subject of some of his best work. "Bull Durham" may be the best baseball movie, though this will have to settle for being the best about a football general manager.

3 'Oculus'

Thanks to the "Paranormal Activity" series and "The Conjuring," ghosts are back in, meaning the marketplace will be flooded with them for some time. This one involves a scary mirror.

ADMIT ONE

Metro rounds up what's in cinemas this week.

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4 'Cuban Fury'

Nick Frost pulls "Marty" duty by playing a sad sack in love with a girl (Rashida Jones) out of his league. When he discovers she's a salsa dancer, he taps into his own history as an ace toe-tapper.

5 'Only Lovers Left Alive'

You're not a filmmaker until you've done an offbeat vampire movie. Here's Jim Jarmusch's attempt. Tilda Swinton and Tom Hiddleston play centuries-old lovers hanging in Detroit, listening to records and generally ignoring the genre's clichés.

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Joel McHale is thinking deep thoughts about being handsome. / JUSTIN LUBIN, NBC

Comedy

'Surviving Jack'

Have you watched Christopher Meloni's sitcom? It's probably worth a try. That guy is super funny. The show is produced by "Scrubs" creator Bill Lawrence, so now either you're excited to watch, or you're going to avoid

this show like the plague. **FOX, 9:30 P.M.**

Drama

'Reign'

Mary is concerned about a secret clause in her marriage contract. See, this is why it's important to read things before signing them. **CW, 9 P.M.**

Reality

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Cyrus Beene, the White House Chief of Staff on ABC's hit drama "Scandal," is rarely happy and usually on the brink of cardiac arrest. But Jeff Perry, the actor who plays Beene with great skill and heart, is, he says, "grinning until

with fans reminiscent at all of the live-theater experience?

It is. And it feels unique in television and history, this level of while-it's-happening conversation, with 70,000 people talking to each other at once. At first

it was absolutely disorienting to me. But then, slowly, I really started to dig it. And yes, it feels like when I was in 88 seats and we had our 300 subscribers, and we had a dialogue with them and got to know them. It's a little village.

And I believe this rabid conversation — between people digging the show and the artists — kept us on the air. We didn't have conventional ratings for at least 14 episodes, but we had this ridiculously faithful fan base.

And it's fun on set. We tease each other: "I'm Instagramming this!" "Do I have your permission to tweet this picture of you with your pants around your ankles because they're ripped and being tailored for the next shot?"

What's your relationship like with Cyrus?

I adore playing this guy. He's absolutely devoted to his take on what government is and what it could be. He's wired for politics, and for caregiving, and that space where idealism meets an absolute alley fight. That's the beautiful thing about Shonda and the writers' creation: the level of sympathy and empathy they create for people who have done hideous things. Our brains love to conveniently forget [things like], "Oh, that's right, Cyrus had that girl killed!"

How do you see Cyrus spending his summer?

Being warned by anyone who even slightly cares about him not to have another heart attack. Jeff, though, is going fishing, metaphorically at least. I'm taking some kind of vacation.

Will you bring your Twitter account?

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JEFF PERRY

The show's Cyrus Beene likens the series' Twitter action to the feel of live theater.

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it hurts" over the chance to portray a character "written with depth, complexity and dichotomy by Shonda [Rhimes]." It's something he says he hasn't had enough of since his days performing with the prestigious Steppenwolf Theatre Company in Chicago, which he co-founded. This complexity — there are almost no clear villains or heroes on "Scandal," rare on a major network show — is also what's won millions of very vocal fans. And the cast keeps these fans through constant social media contact. "Scandal" airs its finale on April 17.

Is the amount of online interaction you have

Power play

Do you really think Cyrus is devoted to government? Or is that a lie his id tells his superego, so he can seek power?

I wouldn't rule out your supposition. But I'm going to hold dear to the belief that there is idealism in the fundamental fabric

of the guy. It's only one piece of the puzzle, but I think it is intact. And as long as I'm playing him, it will be, because I don't understand the guy if that isn't somewhere in there.

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On the cast's social media efforts

"We tease each other: 'I'm Instagramming this!' 'Do I have your permission to tweet this picture of you with your pants around your ankles because they're ripped and being tailored for the next shot?'" Perry

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Theater. Actually, there's not much to fault in "Heathers: The Musical."

Unlike the spate of obnoxious parody plays cropping up, Andy Fickman's "Heathers: The Musical" is an actual adaptation of the cult classic film. It lovingly roasts the movie while retaining its plot, catchphrases and characters.

If you somehow haven't caught the '80s original, you can still enjoy the play. Kevin Murphy ("Reefer Madness") is old hat at skewering show tune stereotypes. He's aided by Laurence O'Keefe (Broadway's "Legally Blonde") on book, lyrics and music.

Notable onstage is the amazingly named Barrett Wilbert Weed as Veronica, the outsider who's desperate to be accepted by her school's "Mean Girls" prototypes, the three Heathers. Her voice is attractive and original, with an impressive range and fortitude throughout the night.

The only letdown here is the stage: It's barren, save for one elevated platform. Some really great lighting design doesn't make up for the fact that it's trained on nothing. Even the costumes, which should be a designer's dream, failed to take any liberties. And please don't get us started on Weed's hopeless hair, or we might start sounding like a Heather ourselves.

Thankfully, these shortcomings are practically ne-

gated thanks to affordable specialty cocktails that are served right to your seat at intermission, like hot dogs at a ball park. This practice should be adopted by every theater in the city — although, then again, maybe if they bumped up each cup by a few bucks, they could actually afford a set?

If you're looking for the perfect date night, "Heathers" brings it. It's as potent as drain cleaner, and if you don't laugh you might be dead inside. For \$50-\$75, you can forgive any of the musical's weaker points, because it more than delivers on its promised entertainment value. In a word, it's "very."



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3 Drybar The Chaser shine cream, \$28, www.drybar.com

4 Kerastase Resistance Double Force Controle Ultime, \$39, www.kerastase-usa.com



Get the perfect blowout at home



Quoted

"Most people don't know this, but it's not just about using heat to dry your hair. It's about putting minerals into your hair, which actually help you have that bounce and shine."

Alli Webb, Drybar founder



Follow these tips to get Drybar's Straight Up style (above) or DreamDry's Stevie style (inset) at home. / PROVIDED

Beauty. Experts from DreamDry and Drybar share their secrets for getting the style down pat.

There's just something about getting your hair blown out that can transform your entire mood. When you have

that good-hair-day feeling, you're more confident, can't help but glimpse in every passing mirror and generally just feel better about yourself. But for most of us, heading to the salon every morning before work just isn't affordable or practical. We chatted with two women who know a thing or two about blowouts, Drybar founder Alli Webb and Jenn Bradford, a senior stylist at DreamDry. While nothing can replace the results you'll get at one of these two salons, you can come pretty close at home by following their advice.

1 First, it's important to have the right products. Drybar's Webb highly suggests investing in a good

hair dryer. "Most people don't know this, but it's not just about using heat to dry your hair. It's about putting minerals into your hair, which actually help you have that bounce and shine," she says. Next, make sure you're using the right brush for your hair type. "If you have thin, less coarse hair, use a ceramic round brush. For coarse hair, use a boar bristle round brush," DreamDry's Bradford says.

2 After you wash your hair, apply a thermal protector from mid to bottom to protect your hair from the dryer's heat and to help it dry smoothly. Bradford favors Kerastase Ciment Thermique. Then, rough dry your hair

with a towel until it's 75 to 80 percent dry. "This is so important because if you don't rough dry your hair, it will be sopping wet and the drying process will take forever to blow dry," says Bradford.

3 Next, divide your hair into three sections — one on each side and one in the middle — and clip up each section with alligator clips. Let down the sections one at a time as you blow dry. Webb's

expert trick is working in very small sections, of about 1 to 2 inches. Both women recommend starting with the front and sides, since that is what people see the most. "To give your hair volume, hold the brush horizontally so it's parallel with your head and roll over your hair with the brush multiple times," Webb advises. "If you want curls, hold the brush vertically. Picture a curl and mimic that shape with the brush."

4 Continue this process for all the 2-inch subsections within the three main sections your hair is divided in. Do the back last since you'll already be in the groove of it and have the movement down. Once the hair is dry, finger-brush in a shine serum starting halfway down your hair. Webb uses The Chaser, from Drybar's product line. Last, spritz hairspray so the volume holds all day.

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An introduction to spark a relationship

Recommended.

A new dating site relies on women to refer available men in their social circle.

Jess, Meet Ken is a website that represents both a love story and a business idea. "It really is how we met and how we fell in love," says Jessica Deckinger of Jess-MeetKen.com, the dating site she recently launched with her husband — you guessed it — Ken.

Here's how it works: Women recommend single men in their life to other single women online. Jess and Ken met on a now-defunct website similar to the one the couple now runs with their business partner, Adele Tongish.

The dating world is nothing new for her and Ken; they co-founded HurryDate, which organizes speed-dating events, in 2001 and sold the company several years later.

"This cuts through the noise of online dating and provides you with a true and honest way to meet people in their most genuine form," Ken says of the Boston-based company.

Rather than dealing with the "dating fatigue" that comes from sorting through an overflowing inbox of emails from potential suitors, women can cut through the chaff by connecting with another woman who cares about the guy she posted.

And that's the key. "Every woman wants to get to the core of who that guy is from someone who knows him very well," he says.

Plus, there's an extra connection when a woman can relate to the woman who's vouching for the guy she's posting about. "I didn't know Adele, but she looked like someone I would be friends with," says Jess, who felt she could relate to Tongish because of the funny profile she created for Ken. In turn, she could relate to Ken, too.

In fact, Ken says a woman can sell a guy better

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Jess and Ken Deckinger, now married and parents to three daughters, created the site to help people meet the same way they did. / PROVIDED

Quoted

"[Guys don't] know how to present [their] redeeming qualities as well as a woman can present them to other women." Ken Deckinger

Click bait

The scoop for online success

1 Be genuine. Photos should be true to who you are.

2 Be open-minded. "I had dated guys who were cut from the same mold, and I was very different from that," Ken says.

3 Engage in the process. Be proactive about reaching out to people who you find interesting to learn more about them.

than he can sell himself. A guy doesn't always post what a woman wants to see. "He doesn't know how to present his redeeming qualities as well as a woman can present them to other women," he confesses.

Guys often post photos with their car, their buddies or, worst case sce-

nario, their ex-girlfriends. He reveals, "Women put a guy's photo up that portrays his true and accurate personality."

Tongish posted a photo with Ken's "big goofy smile and a pumpkin — that's the real me," he says. Ken thinks that photo communicated his personality better than anything he would have chosen to post himself.

Then, Tongish wrote about his flaws, capturing his future wife's heart by saying he's not perfect. "She was OK with revealing his flaws to make him endearing to me," Jess mentions he appeared "funny, goofy and confident, but not arrogant."

Ken underscores the importance of highlighting flaws because they make people endearing and illustrate someone's true character. "Everyone has flaws," he says. "And they are typically what make people beautiful."

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Passover

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Rosa Mexicano

For its 12th annual Mexican Passover, Rosa Mexicano (multiple locations, www.rosa.mexicano.com) will serve Sangria Haroset (it has Manischewitz!), matzo-breaded chicken breast and more a la carte. Toloache Thompson (205 Thompson St., 212-420-0600) will also offer an a la carte Passover dinner with a Latin spin.

The Prime Grill

(25 W. 56th St., 212-692-9292) will host "traditional with a twist" Seders on April 14 and 15 (\$150 per person).

Greek Easter

Loi

Greece's most famous celeb chef, Maria Loi, is having a traditional Greek Easter prix fixe dinner at her eponymous restaurant (208 W. 70th St., 212-875-8600, four-course prix fixe: \$75 p.p.)

Blue Olive Market

The Eatly-style restaurant within Blue Olive Market (210 E. 41st St., 212-922-0991, a la carte) will serve spanakopita, lamb sliders, moussaka and tsoureki — traditional Easter bread.

Takes on lamb for Easter

Lamb chops with mint jelly are par for the course. This year, if you want to shake things up, these eateries are offering their own unique versions.

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Philip Marie

569 Hudson St., 212-242-6200, Easter Sunday three-course prix fixe: \$32.95 p.p.

Last year, executive chef John Greco slow-roasted a whole pig over charcoal at his outdoor cafe. This year, he's doing it with a lamb, marinated in organic oranges, limes, fresh mint and coriander.

SD26

19 E. 26th St., 212-265-5959, Easter Sunday three-course prix fixe: \$70 p.p.

The Italian restaurant will work lamb ragu into its homemade fettuccine, plus fava beans, fresh mint and ricotta.



SD26 tosses lamb with pasta, fava beans, mint and ricotta. / BATTMAN

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235 Fifth Ave., 212-683-2929

The Mediterranean/Lebanese restaurant's brunch prix fixe will be available (\$28 p.p.), but off that menu there's a special lamb shank cooked with herbs reflecting the spice trade through the Arabian desert. Kids will enjoy egg decorating, a chocolate egg guessing game and more.

Aquavit

65 E. 55th St., 212-307-7311, Easter Sunday three-course prix fixe: \$75 p.p.

Chef Marcus Jernmark will slow-cook a neck of lamb and serve it with lamb loin tartare at his Michelin-starred Nordic eatery. The dish is accompanied by asparagus and quark (fresh curd).

Sirio

795 Fifth Ave., 212-940-8195, a la carte

Choose the herb-crusted lamb loin with baby artichokes from the menu while you watch the parade go by. Dress in your Sunday best: All guests wearing Easter hats receive a complimentary glass of Prosecco.

Cocktail. How to get your 'Mad Men' fix



Ingredients

- 2 oz. bourbon
- 1 cube of brown sugar
- 3 dashes Angostura bitters
- Splash of seltzer

Old Fashioned / PROVIDED

It'd only be fitting to serve Don's favorite drink at your "Mad Men" viewing party this weekend, right? Whip yours up at home or order it at the Bowery Hotel (\$16, 335 Bowery, 212-505-9100), where the hidden lobby would be perfect for Don and his philandering ways.

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Old Fashioned

Directions:

In an old fashioned glass, add the sugar and bitters. Muddle together until it's paste-like. Clean off the muddler over the glass with a splash of seltzer. Add one large cube of ice and stir. Garnish with an orange twist and cherry.

Where to go

Put on your best '60s attire, kick back with a stiff drink and start the final season off right at one of these viewing parties:

- Whiskey Park (100 Central

Park S., 212-307-9222)

- Empire Steak House (237 W. 54th St., 212-582-6900)
- The Carnegie Club (156 W. 56th St., 212-957-9676)

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Sample wine at the event. WINES OF ARGENTINA

From Rocco DiSpirito to rocking it solo

Hot Chef. JJ Johnson brings Afro-Asian-American cuisine to The Cecil in Harlem.

If you're confused by the idea of Afro-Asian-American cuisine — which is how the menu leans at Harlem's newest hot spot, The Cecil — don't worry: Chef JJ Johnson didn't get it at first either. But a trip to Africa solidified the chef's understanding, and he's putting his know-how on display.

After winning "Rocco DiSpirito's Dinner Party" on Bravo in 2011 and working in kitchens like Tribeca Grill and Jane, Johnson is now calling the shots as The Cecil's chef de cuisine. He has been garnering buzz for his cooking at the restaurant, which opened in September, including a spot on Forbes' 30 Under 30 list.

As he readied his spring menu — which features dishes like lamb ribs and tuna tartar — the chef found a few minutes to talk to us.

How did the idea for Afro-Asian-American cuisine come about?

About two years ago [restaurateur] Alexander Smalls contacted me. He said, "I have these great projects I'm working on, and I think I want to include you." He then talked to me about this Afro-Asian-American cuisine, and I was really confused. I got the Afro part, but I didn't get the Asian. And he said, "Well, Asians migrated to Africa first, and they dropped off all the ingredients — noodles, spices, oils — and African culture started cooking with it." In November I went to Ghana with him to cook and I got to see it firsthand — rice, fresh produce, fresh fish,



Visit Johnson at The Cecil (210 W. 118th St., 212-866-1262). / PROVIDED

Bonus question

Who was the first person you called when you found out you made the Forbes list?

I think it was my best friend from culinary school. We're always talking about being great and putting our footprint on the food industry. I called my mom, of course. She was always like, "You should be a politician or a doctor," so this was the moment where it was, "OK, if this is something you really want to do, then you can check it off of your bucket list."

sesame oil, a bunch of spices — and it all made sense.

What did you like to eat as a kid?

I grew up with my Puerto Rican grandmother in the kitchen. As I created a menu with Alexander [Smalls], I started to see this merge of flavor that took me back to my childhood. My grandfather was from Barbados; my great-aunt used to make jerky. My grandmother, I watched her have fun in the kitchen and that's what inspired me to be a chef. As a kid I was always in the kitchen. I went to the Culinary Institute of America, and I just kept going from there.



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FOOD & DRINK

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Saturday, 2 p.m.
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100 Frost St., Williamsburg
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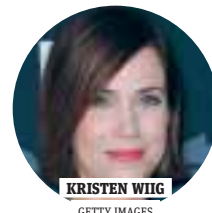


The Spanish Harlem Orchestra plays this weekend. / GETTY IMAGES

FILM

Reel Pieces: Kristen Wiig and 'Hateship Loveship'

Tonight, 7:15
92nd Street Y,
1395 Lexington Ave.
\$32, 212-415-5500
www.92y.org
Catch a preview screening of Kristen Wiig's latest film, "Hateship Loveship." Following the movie, the ex-"SNL" cast member will sit with the film's director Liza Johnson for a discussion about the film and her career. If we're lucky maybe she'll be in character as Kat of the



KRISTEN WIG
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Garth and Kat duo we miss so much from Weekend Update — they've got to have a song about this.

REC



Bunny ears are optional.

IADVENTURE

iAdventure's Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt

April 13, 1 p.m.
Sidebar, 118 E. 15 St.; \$60, 212-677-2900; www.iadventure.com
Get eggs-cited because this Sunday iAdventure takes a childhood tradition and appropriates it for adults — like Strip Go Fish but without all of the nudity ... that's a thing right? This Easter egg hunt will take you and your team all over NYC using clues to find hidden eggs each worth a different number of points. The team with the most points at the end wins the grand prize, and we assume a bunch of eggs, too.

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♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Take a backseat and relax for a change. Let others make decisions. Don't let a difference of opinion turn into a major problem.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Your home and work environments will be filled with tension if you gossip or get involved in other people's business. Stick to your chores.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. If you have ideas at your workplace, speak up. Even if your suggestions are not acted upon, you will gain respect.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Your emotions are on a rollercoaster ride. Don't let this instability lead to an impulsive decision.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Don't reveal too many details. A colleague may be trying to get ahead at your expense. Someone who seems overly enthusiastic could have an ulterior motive.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. A casual remark from an old friend will give new spark to your creativity. A trip to an unfamiliar location will be rewarding.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. You don't appreciate being scrutinized, so don't question what others are up to. Be trusting. Your relationships will suffer if you display jealousy.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Take a break from your schedule. Get out into the fresh air with friends or loved ones. A brief jaunt will do you good.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. An elderly relative may be a burden. Look over your budget and see where you can make adjustments.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. The time is right for love. Take things slow and easy. You may be feeling romantic, but don't come on too strong, or your special someone may take off.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Don't waste time gossiping or sharing personal stories when you should be working. You'll be criticized if you don't finish what you start. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

Letters

Even safety does not justify means

Re: 'Torture in the name of US freedom' (Metro, April 8) I am appalled and saddened by the opinions of letter writer Mary Ruggiero. She claims Rep. Pelosi and Sen. Feinstein "do not love this country." I love this country; in fact I joined the Army and went to Kosovo and Iraq in support of it. Yet I will never condone the torture of human beings, whether they are terrorists or anyone else. I understand the desire to be safe, but we do not achieve that through torture. We lose our soul as a country — not to mention the souls of those compelled to conduct those interrogation techniques.

ANNIE FERRIS, VIA EMAIL

Inquiring minds want 'Iron Chef' previews

I'm just curious — I've been reading Metro for years, but I've never seen any shows that I watch on the "TV watch list." How come you never report on the "NCIS" shows or "Criminal Minds" or "Law & Order: SVU" or "Kitchen Nightmares" or "Chopped" or "Iron Chef"? That's just a portion of what I watch, but I've never seen any shows that I actually watch in your paper.

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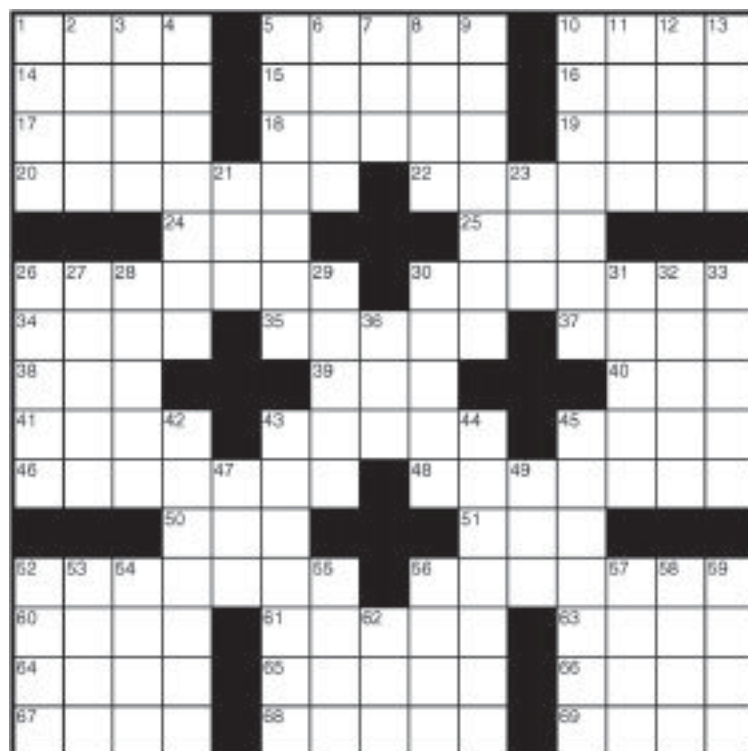
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Growing trend

UMass guard Gordon comes out as gay

UMass sophomore starting guard Derrick Gordon came out as gay Wednesday, making him the first openly gay Division I player.

"I just didn't want to hide anymore, in any way," Gordon told ESPN. "I didn't want to have to lie or sneak."

The 22-year-old from Plainfield, N.J., who played at prestigious St. Patrick High School, came out to his UMass coach and teammates last week.

He averaged 9.4 points and 3.5 rebounds per game last season for the Minutemen, who lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Gordon credited former Missouri football player Michael Sam and Brooklyn Nets center Jason Collins, who both came out, as his inspirations. **METRO**

Vick's Eagles reunion highlights preseason

NFL. Preseason schedules for the Jets and Giants were released on Wednesday afternoon.

It's never too early to start thinking about football.

In their continuing bid to dominate the schedule year round, the NFL released its preseason schedule Wednesday. It may not be regular-season football, but it will be the first chance Jets and Giants fans get to see their new teams in game action, including new Jets quarterback Michael Vick.

Vick, who will be given a chance to battle with incumbent starter Geno Smith during the pre-



Vick spent the last five seasons in Philadelphia, rebuilding his image after nearly two years in prison. / GETTY IMAGES

The schedules

The NFL released all 32 teams' schedules for the preseason on Wednesday.

- **Jets:** Week 1 at Colts, Week 2 at Bengals, Week 3 vs. Giants,

Week 4 vs. Eagles

- **Giants:** Hall of Fame Game vs. Bills, Week 1 vs. Steelers, Week 2 at Colts, Week 3 at Jets, Week 4 vs. Patriots

season schedule will face his old team, Philadelphia, in the preseason's final game. Smith is likely to start at the beginning of preseason, with games against the Colts and Bengals first on the docket.

The Giants have five preseason games, including the Hall of Fame Game in Canton, Ohio, on Aug. 3 to kick off the football season. There are no surprises in their four additional preseason games, however, as they will meet the same four teams they played in the 2013 preseason. Their final preseason game, against the Patriots, will be Aug. 28.

The Jets and Giants meet in their traditional preseason game in Week 3.



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M-O spells relief

Relief award renamed for Rivera, Hoffman

The two most-accomplished closers of all time now have their position's signature award

named after themselves.

MLB announced Wednesday it will hand out two awards — one in each league — with the AL's top closer given the Mariano Rivera Reliever of the Year Award and the NL's given the

Trevor Hoffman Reliever of the Year Award. The award was previously given to one player and called the Delivery Man of the Year.

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NHL power rankings | by Rich Slate

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Bruins (53-18-8)

With a win on Thursday, coupled with a loss by St. Louis at Minnesota, the Bruins can capture their second ever Presidents' Trophy. By going 6-1-3 in its last 10, Boston has created separation between itself and St. Louis. For the B's, it's all about getting rest for their key players before the playoffs.

No. 2

Ducks (51-20-8)



The race for the top seed in the West has become interesting with St. Louis' swoon.

No. 3

Blues (52-20-7)



They built up plenty of cushion, but Blues fans have to be getting a little worried heading into the playoffs.

No. 4

Avalanche (51-21-7)



The Avalanche are the opposite of the Blues. They are playing really well heading into the games that really count.

No. 5

Sharks (49-21-9)



The Sharks have been treading water lately. They are three points behind Anaheim in the Pacific.

No. 6

'Hawks (45-19-15)



Chicago has won its last three games and they should get Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews back in the playoffs.

No. 7

Penguins (50-24-5)



Most people feel as though Bruins-Penguins in the Eastern Conference Finals is a foregone conclusion.

No. 8

Canadiens (45-27-7)



Fun fact: the Canadiens will be the only Canadian team in the 2014 Stanley Cup playoffs.

No. 9

Kings (45-28-6)



The Kings have dropped their last two games, but are 7-3-0 in their past 10. They are locked into a sixth or seventh seed.

No. 10

Wild (42-26-12)



The Wild rallied for a thrilling 4-3 shootout win over Boston on Tuesday. Before the game had even ended, they clinched.

No. 11

Lightning (43-27-9)



This team's playoff hopes come with a 6-foot-7 asterisk. Big Ben Bishop hurt his wrist Tuesday.

No. 12

Rangers (44-31-5)



They are two points behind Tampa Bay and have only two games left but the Rangers could leapfrog the Lightning.

No. 13

Flyers (41-29-9)



The key now for the Flyers is to avoid Boston for as long as they can since the Bruins swept the season series (3-0).

No. 14

Stars (39-29-11)



You can't overstate the importance of Dallas' win over Nashville. Dallas is up two points on Phoenix.

No. 15

Jackets (41-31-7)



Columbus has won its last two games and the Blue Jackets end the regular season with three games on the road.

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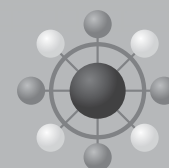
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Through the universal language of music and dance, Shen Yun weaves a wondrous tapestry of heavenly realms, ancient legends, and modern heroic tales inspired by China's 5,000-year history.

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